

**As Approved March 17, 2010**



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
VISTA DEL CAMINO COMMUNITY CENTER  
7700 EAST ROOSEVELT STREET  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85257  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Jeanne Alspaugh, Chair  
James Duchene, Vice Chair  
John Faramelli, Commissioner  
Robert Frost, Commissioner  
Ron King, Commissioner  
Stan Koczka, Commissioner  
Harry Schlegelmilch, Commissioner

**STAFF:** Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director  
Lorelei Oien, Administrative Secretary  
Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Brett Jackson  
Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Jay Osborn, Assistant City Attorney  
Lisa Blyler, Neighborhood Projects Coordinator  
Bryan Bundy, Senior Budget Analyst  
Denise Clayton

**GUESTS:** Scott Graham

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Alspaugh called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above, noting the presence of a quorum.

**3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chair Alspaugh called for a moment of silence.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- **Regular Meeting of February 17, 2010.**

**COMMISSIONER SCHLEGELMILCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2010 REGULAR MEETING. COMMISSIONER FARAMELLI SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

**5. PUBLIC SERVICE ETHICS TRAINING FOR APPOINTED CITY OFFICIALS**

**The Parks and Recreation commission will view a presentation by City Attorney Kay Cooper on public service ethics for appointed city officials that are required annually by Scottsdale Revised Code Section 2-48. Following the presentation, Senior Assistant City Attorney Jay Osborn will respond to questions the Commission Members may have concerning the presentation, the City's Public Ethics Program or Code of Ethical Behavior.**

Mr. Osborn presented the Commission with their annual ethic training session. Commissioner Frost inquired whether City employees are allowed to accept promotional gifts offered by vendors at conferences, if they donate it. Mr. Osborn responded that the employee could accept the gift and then file a gift declaration form, to make it clear to the public that it was not kept for their personal use. Commissioner Frost inquired whether Commissioners have to recuse themselves from discussions that might affect recreational programs that their family members are involved in. Mr. Osborn responded that no technical conflict of interest exists because there would be no pecuniary or proprietary interest. However, Scottsdale's code of ethical behavior calls for Commissioners to refrain from doing anything that might call into question their objectivity in voting.

Vice Chair Duchene described the difficulty in getting items placed on the agenda. Commissioners cannot talk about issues that are not on the agenda, yet cannot discuss them outside the meeting. He inquired about the possibility of adding a regular agenda item that would allow Commissioners to present topics for future meetings. Ms. Cameron felt that those requests would be appropriate during the Commissioner Reports item. Mr. Osborn cautioned against the Commission discussing issues at the time they are requested. It would be appropriate to work through the Chair to introduce agenda items. Chair Alspaugh encouraged the Commissioners to send questions on agenda items to Ms. Cameron.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Shlegelmilch, Mr. Osborn explained that if a Commissioner is part of a classification of ten or more people that benefits from a particular policy, then no conflict exists. In certain cases where the classification is larger than ten, the Commissioner might still want to recuse if their individual interests are greater those of another. Conflicts of interest are always very fact-specific. He invited any Commissioner to contact him as specific ethical questions arise.

Vice Chair Duchene inquired about the appropriate course of action should a quorum of the Commission inadvertently meet. Mr. Osborn described that as an accidental meeting, and advised that they should discontinue their conversation at that point.

## **6. 2010 CENSUS PRESENTATION**

**Lisa Blyler, Neighborhood Projects Coordinator, will provide overview of the City's Census 2010 outreach efforts and the impact to the City of Scottsdale.**

Ms. Blyler noted that the U.S. Constitution requires a national census every ten years. The national response rate is about 67%, and in Arizona, it is about 63%. Scottsdale's response rate is in the high seventies. In response to an inquiry from Vice Chair Duchene, Ms. Blyler said Scottsdale has worked with the Federal government for the past 18 months to identify every residential address in the city. Over 10,000 addresses have been added since 2000.

From 1990 to 2000, the population of Scottsdale jumped significantly. The increase will likely not be as large this time. The census is important because the State's shared revenue is based upon population. Cities will receive \$1,500 per person per year over the next ten years from the Federal government based on the results of the census. The census figures also affect the State's representation in the House of Representatives.

The census forms should be arriving in the mail within the next two weeks. Teams are making an effort to count the homeless. Each household will be asked to answer ten questions. The census forms are not public record and are not shared with other organizations. The Census Bureau collects information in the aggregate, based on local streets, rather than at the level of individual houses. Information is not identified to individual houses. Census workers must take a lifetime oath, and can face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for breaking it. If people respond to the census early, it saves a substantial amount of taxpayer money, since it prevents census workers from having to visit the residence. Census enumerators are paid \$15 an hour and 50 cents per mile. Enumerators only work in their own neighborhood.

Commissioner Frost argued that the Constitution establishes that the Federal government can count the number of people, but it does not say they can ask other questions.

Ms. Blyler responded that a census has been taken every ten years since 1790, and there have been no successful legal challenges to the questions asked in all that time. There are no income questions or questions about bank or social security numbers. Chair Frost questioned the need for large penalties against anyone giving out information if the information is essentially innocuous. Ms. Blyler responded that what is innocuous to one person might not be to another, such as how someone self-identifies race. Chair Frost inquired whether failure to respond is against the law. Ms. Blyler responded that the U.S. Constitution requires that citizens fill in the census form.

Vice Chair Duchene queried about efforts to count the people who have been displaced because of the recent foreclosures, and how military personnel stationed overseas are counted. Ms. Blyler said the foreclosure situation presents challenges. The Census Bureau is counting people based on where they are expecting to be situated as of April 1, 2010. She said she would return with an answer on the military question.

## **7. FISCAL YEAR 2010/11 FEES AND CHARGES**

**Bryan Bundy, Sr. Budget Analyst, will review and discuss recommended changes to Parks and Recreation fees and charges for fiscal year 2010/11.**

Mr. Bundy presented the proposed changes to the fees and charges for the next fiscal year. Scottsdale's financial policy requires an annual review to determine the direct and indirect cost of service recovery rates for the services offered. Acceptable recovery rates are approved annually by City Council.

### **Recommended changes**

- Increase the beer permit fee from \$5 to \$10. Five dollars is well below what other cities have been charging.
- Implement a 30-visit discount pass at 20% off the current rate. Scottsdale is one of the few cities that currently do not offer a pass, and 80% of customers indicate they would favor such an option.
- Implement a new 5K-course reservation fee at the Scottsdale Sports Complex, of \$500 for half-day use for the entire complex. Full-day fees are currently \$1,000, but races typically only take one-half of a day.
- Increase the adult pool facility fee at the Sports Complex from \$1000 to \$1,200, and the youth fee from \$800 to \$1000. The Reach 11 Complex in Phoenix is currently charging \$1,400 for residents and \$3,500 for non-residents.
- Offer a six-month Club SAR membership fee to attract more seasonal visitors, at 67% of the annual rate.
- Simplify the indoor facility room rental charges to help staff better identify what the users need and the customers to understand what is being offered. The exercise results in higher average room rental fees. Rates have not been touched since 1998 and even after the increase, would remain below the market rate. Rooms were classified based on square footage and capacity per hour, and are offered at rates for resident, non-resident, and commercial uses.
- Propose a cleanup/late stay fee charge at 300% of direct staff cost. This would encourage users to honor the reserved time slot and properly use the facilities. It would be charged by the hour with a one-hour minimum.
- Propose an outdoor park commercial use fee of \$300 per year for non-reservable park areas. This compares to the Preserve's proposed seasonal permit of \$100 per year. Staff would have the authority to charge for commercial permits at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- Establish a cost recovery rate for classes and excursions in the range of 110% to 150% of total direct costs. Currently it is set at 110%. A range would allow more flexibility to charge class fees based on popularity.
- Implement a class refund policy at pro-rated rates, less a \$7 processing fee. No refunds would be offered after the second class.
- Documentation of the McDowell Mountain Ranch Family Pass, the Court Tennis Tournament, and the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Museum admission for future annual review.

In response to Commissioner Frost's inquiry, Ms. Cameron explained that the half-day 5K fee was proposed in response to requests from private groups. The half-day option would be more palatable to them.

Ms. Cameron said Staff has been meeting with the Youth Sports Task Force to discuss what the fee structure might look like, and would establish a special revenue account, separate from the General Fund, to be earmarked for maintenance and operation of youth sports fields. The primary goal of the fee structure was to replenish what was lost through the budget process. Partnership funding was eliminated last year. The City made a commitment to the groups that if the budget recovers, partnership funding or additional maintenance would be utilized on an as needed basis.

Chair Alspaugh invited public commentary.

**Scott Graham** said the Scottsdale Soccer Club reluctantly supports having to pay fees to help support the public facility funding shortfall. When a \$3.00 per hour fee was last charged, the organization's expenditures rose by \$20,000. The club does not want to lose the extra conditioning of the field, however. When the City recovers, the organization would very much like the fee to end, so that the club can invest money into the children directly, instead of being taxed just for being an organization. The group is careful about using the fields. Unorganized users tear up the fields while paying nothing for them.

In response to Commissioner Faramelli's inquiry, Mr. Graham responded that because of the advanced warning the City provided, the club was able to save up money in order to address the new fees without having to raise registration fees. Commissioner Koczka requested suggestions to address the increased maintenance issues created by unorganized use of the fields. Mr. Graham responded that the club chooses not to play on fields that are wet after rains, but unorganized users do. Usually there is nobody there to tell them not to play in those conditions.

Vice Chair Duchene suggested that the club identify the extra surcharge on their invoices, so that parents are aware that they need to contact City Council if they are unhappy with them. Commissioner Frost cautioned that if Council decided to drop the fees, the revenue would need to come from some other place to make up the shortfall.

**COMMISSIONER SCHLEGELMILCH MOVED TO HAVE THE COMMISSION CONSIDER EACH FISCAL YEAR 2010 FEE INDIVIDUALLY. COMMISSIONER KOCZKA SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

**COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BEER PERMIT FEE INCREASE. COMMISSIONER FARAMELLI SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

Commissioner Koczka said an Aquatics and Fitness Punch Pass would encourage more people to buy the passes rather than have to pay a fee each time they visit. This is important because it would give the City a way to contact those people when necessary. Vice Chair Duchene said the passes should be non-refundable. Passes would encourage people to pay the City up front for the benefit of discounts. If people decide not to use them they should not get a refund. The City has to be able to count on that revenue. Ms. Cameron said refund policies would be applicable to the administrative and

housekeeping item. Under that policy, refunds will be pro-rated, less a \$7 processing fee. No refunds would be allowed after the second class. Vice Chair Duchene said since they are not being used for classes, the passes should be non-refundable. They should also be tied to identification, to prevent multiple people from using one pass. Ms. Cameron responded that there are opportunities to implement such a requirement.

Commissioner Koczka inquired whether the passes could be sold to non-residents. Staff could verify their residency if people have to present identification at the beginning. Ms. Cameron said if the City opts to sell passes, two rates would be established, based on residency status. Vice Chair Duchene suggested that the Commission pursue, as a long-term project, streamlining the process to serve residents better. Commissioner Schlegelmilch encouraged more diligence in enforcing residency status. In response to Commissioner Frost's inquiry, Ms. Cameron said it would be possible to implement a non-refundable pass with split fees based on residency status.

**COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION ON AN AQUATICS PASS CARD, WITH THE ADDITION THAT THE PASSES BE NON-REFUNDABLE, THAT STAFF DEVELOP A NON-RESIDENT PASS TO COMPLEMENT THE RESIDENT PASS, AND THAT THE NON-RESIDENT PASSES BE CONGRUENT WITH OTHER NON-RESIDENT FEES. COMMISSIONER KOCZKA SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

Ms. Clayton, in response to an inquiry from Commissioner Schlegelmilch, said that since the Scottsdale Sports Complex is located on Federal land, the facility does not distinguish between resident and non-resident rates. Vice Chair Duchene noted that the facility is intended to be a regional park that draws people from outside the community, which is another reason for the flat rate. Commissioner Schlegelmilch inquired whether there is a legal prohibition against charging a different rate. Ms. Cameron said she would have to study the land use permit. Commissioner Schlegelmilch noted that Reach 11, which is also a regional facility, charges different rates. Ms. Cameron noted that the rates there differ depending on which city the visitors are lodging in. Commissioner King confirmed that Scottsdale traded with the Bureau of Reclamation for part of the land, and that they require consistent rates.

Commissioner Faramelli inquired about the yearly maintenance cost for the complex. Ms. Cameron responded that maintenance is roughly \$224,451 per year, not including staff. In response to a further inquiry from Commissioner Faramelli, Mr. Bundy said the new fee would generate approximately \$1,000 in additional revenue. Commissioner Faramelli said the Sports Center was conceived to attract people from all over the country, but the Commission is uncertain of how the cost benefits the city. Ms. Cameron said the Commission would have a detailed presentation on the annual report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Frost said he would not like to see the Commission take the view that the fees and charges are supposed to offset all the operating costs of facilities. If that were the case, the fees and charges would be so high that people would not be able to use them. Commissioner Faramelli agreed, but questioned rhetorically the purpose of charging fees at all, in that case.

Vice Chair Duchene said the Sports Center is designed to bring outsiders in, and should charge what the market will bear. He inquired whether other users would be able to rent the fields while the runners are racing the 5k. Ms. Cameron responded that the 5K runners

would rent the entire facility for half the day, and then it would be available for other users for the remainder of the day. Commissioner Frost called for the question.

**COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO APPROVE THE \$500 FEE FOR THE HALF-DAY RENTAL OF THE SCOTTSDALE SPORTS COMPLEX. COMMISSIONER SCHLEGELMILCH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

**COMMISSIONER KOCZKA MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FACILITY FEE FOR THE SCOTTSDALE SPORTS COMPLEX. COMMISSIONER DUCHENE SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

Commissioner Frost called the \$75 annual membership fee for Club SAR the best deal in town, and questioned the purpose of the proposal. Ms. Cameron said the goal is to appeal to seasonal visitors, and to draw additional visitors into the facility during off-peak times. Commissioner King said the number of seasonal visitors, as a percentage of the total users, would impact whether the proposed change would result in a revenue increase or a decrease. Vice Chair Duchene surmised that part-time visitors would likely to have more flexibility in terms of the times they can use the facilities, and he recommended that the discount pass apply to off-peak hours. Commissioner Frost reiterated that the pass is already a good deal, and saw no need for a further discount. Staff would face an additional burden in having to check the different pass types.

**COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO DENY THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR A PARTIAL USE PERMIT AT CLUB SAR. COMMISSIONER DUCHENE SECONDED.**

Commissioner Faramelli disagreed, saying the seasonal pass is a good idea. It would raise membership, and keep the facility full. Commissioner Schlegelmilch inquired why the price of the seasonal pass was set at 67%. Mr. Bundy said it was chosen because it was greater than 50%, but was not too great of a difference. Staff estimated that the change would bring in an additional \$500 in revenue per year.

**THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO TWO (2), WITH COMMISSIONERS FARAMELLI AND KOCZKA DISSENTING.**

Commissioner Frost inquired whether rentals require a minimum number of hours, and whether they include staff. Ms. Cameron responded that the minimum is one hour, and facilities are only rented when staff is already present, so there is no extra charge. Vice Chair Duchene suggested an off-peak hour cost to encourage additional utilization and revenue. He inquired whether Staff has the discretion to offer non-utilized larger rooms at a discount if all smaller rooms are booked. Ms. Cameron explained that the reservation system is automated, but Staff has the ability to accommodate drop-in requests if rooms are available. The City is developing a policy to ensure that City meetings are held in appropriately sized rooms, rather than monopolizing favored rooms.

**CHAIR ALSPAUGH MOVED TO ACCEPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDED CHANGES FOR INDOOR FACILITY ROOM RENTAL RATES. VICE CHAIR DUCHENE SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Schlegelmilch, Ms. Cameron explained that direct costs are based on an established hourly rate for staff, and do not include indirect

costs such as utilities. Chair Alspaugh inquired about the frequency of cleanup and late stay incidents. Ms. Cameron said it happens more frequently than expected. Since the City currently has no authority to charge more, costs have simply been absorbed.

**COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CLEANUP AND LATE-STAY FEES. CHAIR ALSPAUGH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

Commissioner Frost inquired about using an annual fee instead of a per-use fee. Ms. Cameron said commercial users prefer annual fees for simplicity. Commissioner King questioned whether charging based on a percentage of the operators commercial revenue would make more sense. Ms. Cameron said that would be the ideal, but it would be difficult to monitor all the facilities in order to keep track of usage. Commissioner Faramelli inquired whether the City charges people to personally train others. Ms. Cameron responded that it is not allowed. As such activity is witnessed it should be reported. Vice Chair Duchene inquired about commercial use of non-reservable areas. Ms. Cameron said it is not permitted. Vice Chair Duchene suggested the City post signs in the parks informing citizens about areas that are non-reservable, and therefore not available for commercial use. Otherwise a commercial user could use an annual permit to tell others that they have reserved the space. Ms. Cameron said the goal in permitting would be to designate an area for their use, because currently Staff has no control what areas they use.

**COMMISSIONER SCHLEGELMILCH MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED \$300 OUTDOOR PARK COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT. COMMISSIONER FROST SECONDED.**

In response to Commissioner Faramelli's inquiry, Ms. Cameron said a permit requires a business license and liability insurance, with the City named as co-insured. Commissioner Koczka said Staff should be granted the opportunity to recover some money from the usage of parks. Ms. Cameron, in response to a comment from Chair Alspaugh, said currently Staff is challenged because of the lack of an enforcement mechanism. In time, through education and word-of-mouth, the community would likely police itself. Vice Chair Duchene felt uncomfortable with the proposition of selling off the City's open space. The Budget Commission should not dictate how the parks are run, and the Commission should resist turning parks into profit centers. Commissioner Frost called for the question.

**THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ONE (1), WITH VICE CHAIR DUCHENE DISSENTING.**

Commissioner Schlegelmilch inquired about the definition of direct cost recovery, and how the recovery rate is calculated. Ms. Cameron responded that it includes the cost of hiring instructors at their negotiated hourly rate. In the past it would have included the cost of supplies, but now students are asked to bring them to the class. The minimum charge would be 110% of the cost, while the maximum would be 150%. This range provides Staff with latitude to leverage classes based on their popularity. Commissioner King questioned the purpose of 110% or greater cost recovery, instead of 100%. Mr. Bundy said leisure education courses were historically recovered at 100%, but the Budget Review Commission a few years ago recommended charging 110% in order to help recover some of the indirect costs.

Vice Chair Duchene said the benchmarking for these courses should not come from private clubs but from other cities. Mr. Bundy responded that the City's goal was to set the charges



below those available from the private sector. Many cities are very aggressive in recovering their indirect costs as well, and Scottsdale compares very favorably.

**COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLASSES AND EXCURSIONS COST RECOVERY PROGRAM. COMMISSIONER SCHLEGELMILCH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

**VICE CHAIR DUCHENE MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND HOUSEKEEPING PROPOSAL. COMMISSIONER SCHLEGELMILCH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0).**

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Frost, Ms. Cameron clarified that it would cost \$3 per hour of use for the City to recoup the cost of using a soccer field. It is not on a per participant basis. Vice Chair Duchene inquired whether this would be only for fields with an IGA, or for all fields throughout Scottsdale. Ms. Cameron responded that it would be for all of the youth sports field allocations. Vice Chair Duchene stressed the importance of equal access and fees to all citizens, irrespective of where they live or are assigned.

Ms. Cameron responded that the charge would be \$3 per hour everywhere, regardless of whether it is a school field or a City field.

Commissioner Schlegelmilch queried about split rates based on residency. Ms. Cameron explained that the youth sports allocation process requires that groups meet residency criteria to be able to receive allocations. Non-resident groups would pay 150% of the resident fee.

Commissioner Koczka requested inclusion of a clause to re-examine the fee structure annually to determine whether it was still necessary or prudent. Ms. Cameron said the City made a commitment to the Youth Sports Task Force that it would be evaluated on a regular basis, and tied to the finite goal of recovering costs. In response to Commissioner Schlegelmilch's inquiry, Ms. Cameron clarified that Staff is recommending a \$3 per hour use fee for fields that are allocated through the youth sports allocation process. The rates are higher for other groups, and there are also fees for lights. The goal of the policy is to recover some of the cost specific to the ten school fields that the City is managing. The Task Force identified a way to accomplish that. A special revenue fund was established to allow more control over the revenue so it would not just go into the General Fund.

Commissioner Faramelli said the Youth Sports Task Force agreed to do this, but did so reluctantly. The City will essentially be collecting close to \$153,000 from youth sports activity that the community is trying to encourage. That contradicts his personal philosophy. He queried what would happen if the policy were not approved. Ms. Cameron responded that the goal is to get back to the level of funding that the City had in FY2008/2009, which provided for four full-time School District employees and additional operational services. The services have been maintained in the budget, but the burden for some of the cost has been shifted to the District. If the policy were approved, the fields would see improvement. If it were not approved, current funding would be maintained for the City's portion of the field maintenance personnel. The goal of the Task Force is to restore funding to the levels of FY2008/2009, which was an additional \$98,000. Commissioner Faramelli said it seems unfair that the youth sports programs are being asked to pay the bill for this. There should be another way to find the money to improve the fields. The youth sports groups are going along with this proposal reluctantly, because they are afraid that they would lose what they have already accomplished through the process.

Commissioner Shlegelmilch requested inclusion of a clause that the funds be clearly earmarked for the maintenance of these fields to benefit youth sports. He proposed instead of regularly revisiting the fee, that it be implemented with a sunset provision, so that it goes away if the Commission does not act to renew it. The City should be taking care of youth sports. Vice Chair Duchene agreed. The funds are important because the school fields see so much use, but the budget should not be balanced on the back of the city's youth.

Commissioner Koczka noted that the School District has budget worries as well. Commissioner Frost said youth sports groups are providing wholesome programs for young people. If the fees are necessary to continue the programs at the level to which they have become accustomed, then they need to be implemented.

**COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED TO APPROVE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR A \$3.00 PER HOUR USE FEE FOR FIELDS ALLOCATED THROUGH THE YOUTH SPORTS ALLOCATION PROCESS, CONTINGENT UPON THE FUNDS BEING EARMARKED SPECIFICALLY FOR MAINTAINING THE YOUTH SPORTS FIELDS, AND WITH THE INCLUSION OF A PROVISION TO SUNSET THE FEE AT THE END OF FY2010/2011. COMMISSIONER SCHLEGELMILCH SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO TWO (2), WITH VICE CHAIR DUCHENE AND COMMISSIONER FAREMELLI DISSENTING.**

Commissioner Faramelli noted that youth sports groups no longer benefit from matching funds for improvements. The Commission has to find a way to restore them. Commissioner Schlegelmilch noted that proper funding has safety implications as well, since it will reduce the number of youth injuries.

## **8. COMMISSIONER REPORT**

**The commissioners will give updates on events and activities they have attended since the last commission meeting.**

Commissioner Frost reported on the General Plan Update Committee's activities. The group has reviewed the public buildings, transportation, and public service elements. Parks and Recreation has its own element, which has not been reviewed yet. Libraries and Human Services are in the public services element. Most of the effort has been focused on removing redundancy. The Budget Review Commission met a few weeks ago and recommended the inclusion of the Grayhawk Park dog area in the bond proposal, but rejected the other things.

Commissioner Koczka said he attended the baseball opening, and hopes that spring training attendance is high this year. Vice Chair Duchene thanked Mr. Barnard for the work he did for the McDowell Mountain Little League. Chair Alsbaugh discussed the surveys that were gathered at the fishing derby this year, noting the positive feedback. She encouraged continued efforts to solicit public feedback, and advocated for more free events in all areas of the city.

## **9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))**

**Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, will update the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Grounds Management Divisions. This includes, but is not limited to, updates on programming, special events, calendars, and upcoming meetings.**

Ms. Clayton provided a brief overview of new software that the Scottsdale Sports Complex staff used to develop a new marketing piece.

Commissioner Faramelli inquired whether the Commission had a representative on the Fees Committee this year. Ms. Cameron responded that in order to fast track the process, the Committee met every week. This was viewed as an excessive commitment to request from the Commission. Next year, the meetings will be spread farther apart, to make participation more conducive to Commissioners.

Commissioner Shlegelmilch requested agenda items to discuss partnership funding, and what the Commission could do to help the groups through this time period.

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, and no need for an executive session, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
A/V Tronics, Inc. DBA AVTranz.

Meets established criteria,  
Janice M. Cameron  
Director, Parks and Director